



Testimony
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RE: SB-319, AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMUM MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) respectfully submits the following comments in *opposition* to **SB-319**.

Despite a doctor's determination that no further treatment is reasonably expected to improve the given condition, SB-319 would prevent municipalities from concluding medical and surgical aid or hospital and nursing services to employees that have been compensated.

This new unfunded mandate would place undue pressure on the workers' compensation system and would inadvertently create an increase in local workers' compensation costs. An increase in workers compensation costs would negatively affect already strained municipal budgets. This could lead to a heavier burden placed on local taxpayers.

We urge you to keep the current workers' compensation law intact and not create an additional burden on towns. Therefore, COST *opposes* **SB-319, An Act Concerning Maximum Medical Improvement**.